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POSSIBLE ELEMENTS OF NAMDAECHON BRIGADE
KOWON AREA, NORTH KOREA (SWN)

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: POSSIBLE NAMDAECHON BRIGADE ELEMENTS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED 32 KM NORTHWEST OF WONSAN NEAR KOWON. (SWN)
2. REMARKS: ANALYSIS OF [REDACTED] IMAGERY REVEALED THAT A NEW BRIGADE-SIZED UNIT WAS FORMING WEST OF KOWON (39-26-13N 127-14-49E). THE NEW UNITS AND INSTALLATIONS WERE NOT PRESENT ON [REDACTED] THE TYPES OF EQUIPMENT OBSERVED ARE VERY SIMILAR TO THOSE AT NAMDAECHON. FURTHERMORE, DISPERSAL AND BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PATTERNS ARE VERY SIMILAR TO THOSE AT ORO-RI, SUGGESTING THAT THESE UNITS ARE POSSIBLY RELOCATED ELEMENTS OF ANOTHER OF THE MISSING NAMDAECHON COMBINED ARMS BRIGADES. (SWN)

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THE FACILITIES IN THE KOWON AREA ARE DISPERSED JUST SOUTH OF THE TOKCHI RIVER, FROM 39-25-06N 127-06-24E TO 39-26-30N 127-12-40E. AT LEAST SEVEN BATTALION OR COMPANY-SIZED INSTALLATIONS WERE UNDER CONSTRUCTION. MAJOR UNITS THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED (GRAPHIC) INCLUDE A MEDIUM TANK BATTALION WHICH IS POSSIBLY T-34 EQUIPPED, A TRUCK-MOUNTED ANTI-AIRCRAFT UNIT, AND A MOTOR TRANSPORT UNIT EQUIPPED WITH LONG BED CARGO TRUCKS. THE REMAINDER OF THE FACILITIES ARE EITHER IN TOO EARLY A STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION OR SIGNATURE EQUIPMENT IS NOT VISIBLE TO DETERMINE THE TYPES OF UNITS PRESENT. IN ADDITION TO THE NEW INSTALLATIONS, AT LEAST FOUR, FOUR-POSITION ZPU-2/4 SITES ARE DEPLOYED ALONG THE PERIMETER OF THE NEW BRIGADE AREA. (SWN)

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3. [REDACTED], COORDINATES 39-25-06N 127-06-24E (S)

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4. [REDACTED]

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5. COLLATFRAL REFERENCES: DIRNSA, 2/00/8556-84, DTG 071734Z
MAY 84, NORTH KOREAN GROUND FORCES REORGANIZATION: NAMDAECHON
BRIGADE LOCATED IN KUMYA COUNTY (SECRET [REDACTED])

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